

# Sustainable Successes, *or How You Can Change a School*



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# CPS Environmental Action Plan

Mission: to reduce CPS' impact on the environment and teach students to be environmental stewards

- Transportation and Air
- Energy
- Waste
- Land
- Water
- Engagement

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# Environmental Action Plan: Stakeholder Briefing 2008



# Transportation and Air: Green Cleaning Act





# Transportation and Air: Travel Training



# Energy: Shut 'er down



- 100,000 computers shut down nightly
- Online energy monitoring & EnergyStar ratings

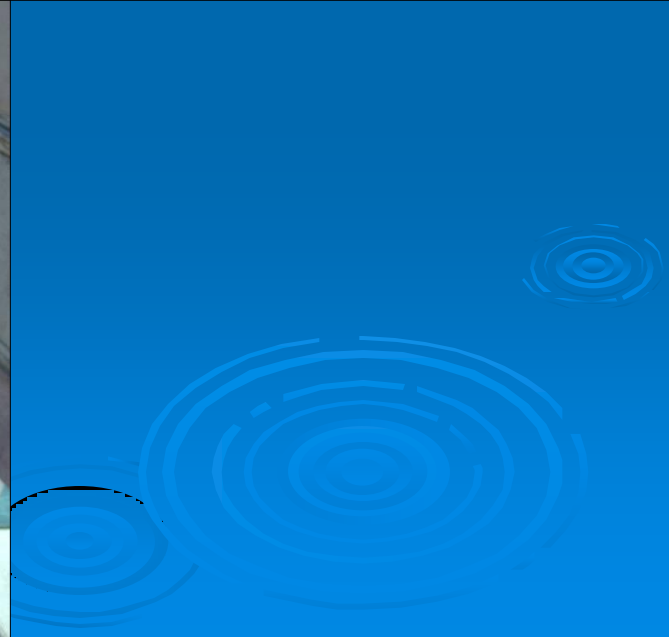
# Energy: Renewables



Largest K-12 purchaser, 20% renewable electricity  
Over 80 kW on-site renewables



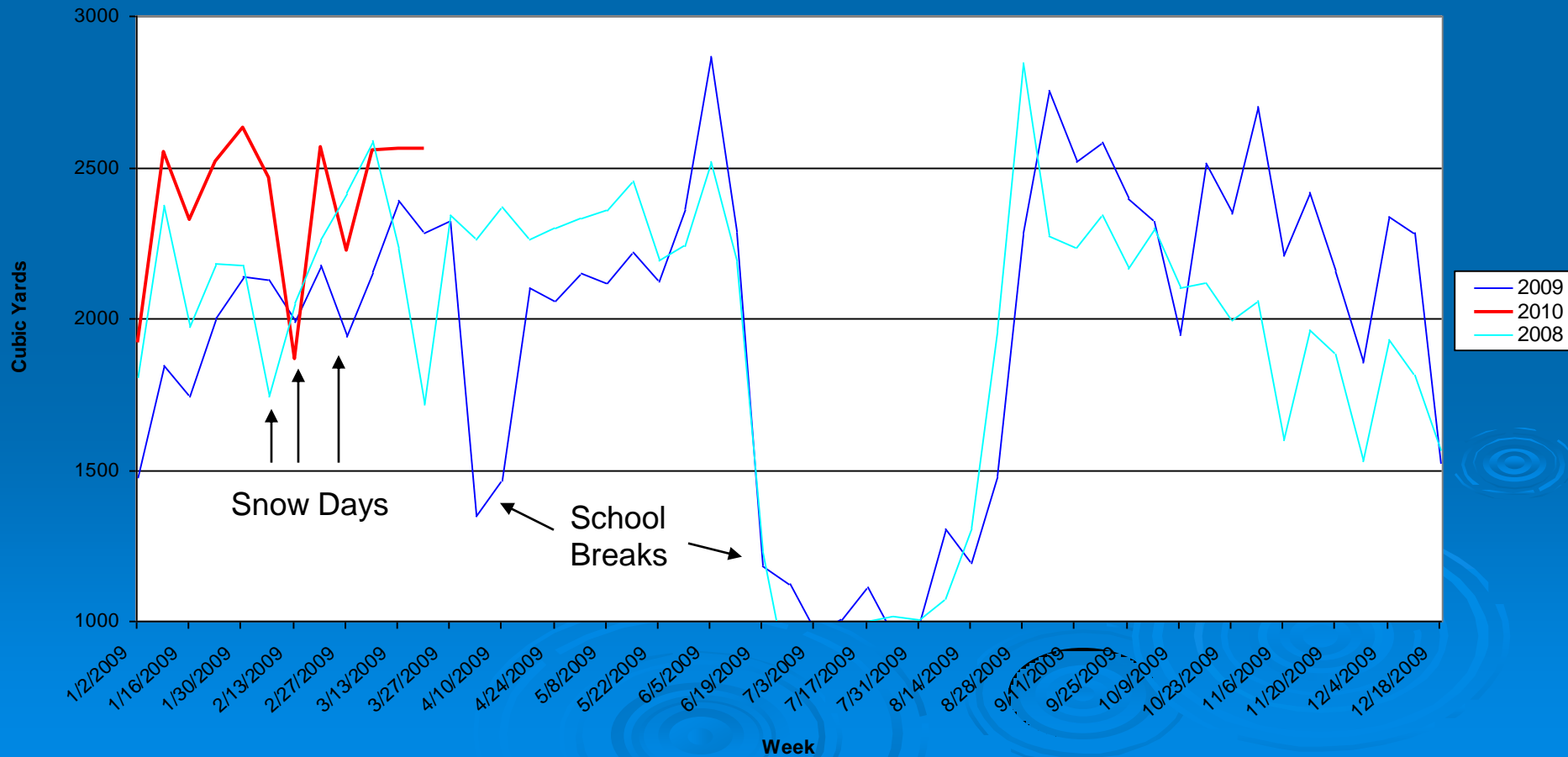
# Waste: Composting



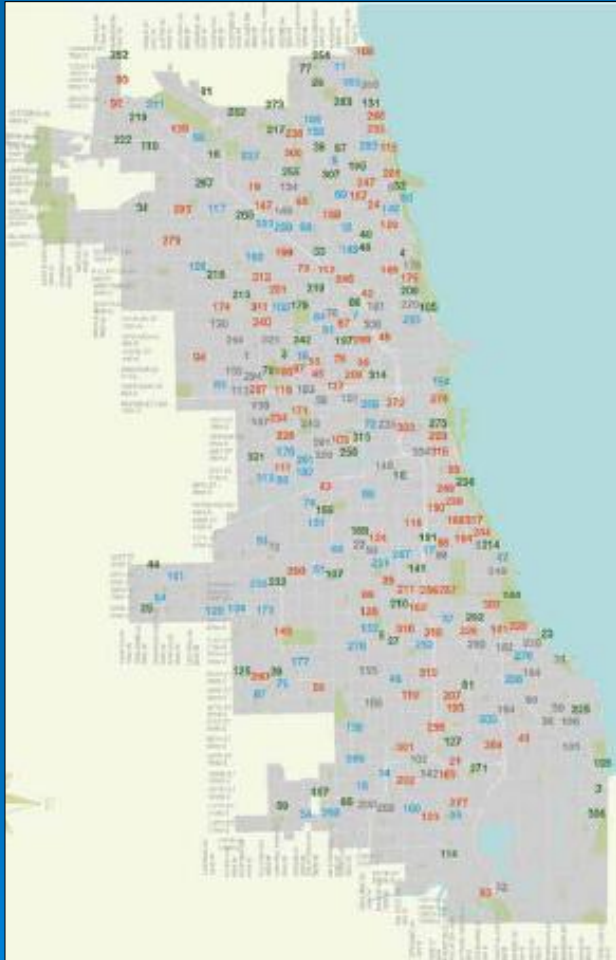


# Waste: Recycling

CPS Recycling Volume



# Land: Growing School Gardens



10-15 new gardens every year



# Engagement: All of YOU



Green Teams and Clubs



Action: Waste Audit



Assemblies: Earth Hour



Action: Earth Day





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